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**N.E. WASHINGTON LAND PROJECT GOES TO  
FOREST SERVICE AND BIOLOGICAL SURVEY**

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Permanent administration of the 240,000-acre Northeast Washington Land Utilization Project of the Farm Security Administration is being assigned to the United States Forest Service and the Bureau of Biological Survey as a concluding step in the land utilization program of the former Resettlement Administration. Announcement of the transfer was made today by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace.

Purchase and improvement of the area lying in Pend Oreille and Stevens counties was undertaken in the land use program formerly handled by the Federal Emergency Relief Administration, Resettlement and Farm Security Administrations. The purpose of the project was to demonstrate improved methods of land use, and to place a large area under constructive management for forest and wildlife conservation.

Following completion of the land purchases and of preliminary development work on the area, the action announced today turns over to the Forest Service 240,000 acres which adjoin, and will be administered by, the Kaniksu National Forest.

The Bureau of Biological Survey, in accordance with a cooperative agreement, later will be assigned supervision over an approximate 40,000 acres, which will be maintained as a unit in the system of continental wildlife refuges. Boundaries of the refuge are being determined in a field study by naturalists of the Survey.

Considerable development work, aimed at forest improvement, has been done on the area during the past two years through the cooperation of the Works Progress Administration. Construction of fire protection facilities, reforestation, and improvement of timber stands are among the principal accomplishments.

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